on Sterlite Industries (India) Ltd. with reference to its "Expressions of Interest". Replies of Sterlite Industries (India) Ltd. to these show-cause notices have been received and these are being examined.

(c) The show-cause notice was issued to Sterlite Industries (India) Ltd. because the company was indicted by SEBI *vide* order dated 19.4.2001.

(d) No, Sir.

Increase in Vector-borne Diseases

2896. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the vector-borne diseases are on the increase in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to prevent the spread of these diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (b) No, Sir. The data maintained by the Directorate of National Anti-malaria Programme (NAMP) show that there is a decline in number of cases of vector-borne diseases. Following strategies are being adopted to prevent the spread of Malaria and other vector-borne diseases:

- Early case detection and prompt treatment.
- Selective Vector Control.
- Promotion of personal protection methods.
- Early detection and containment of epidemics.
- Information, Education and Communication towards personal prevention and community participation.
- Institutional and Management Capacity Building, Trained Manpower Development and efficient Management Information System (MIS).
- Issuance of advance warning to States/UTs suggesting all the preventive and control measures.